



Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting **Minutes**

March 6th, 2018

Board Members Present: Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Justin Westbrook Lowery Vice-Chair of Committee, Daniel Porro, Loretta Masterson, James Tynan, Angel Martinez, Nicholas Himidian (chairman)

Board Members Absent: Nelson Peralta, Loretta Masterson

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Attendees of meeting introduced themselves.

- **Introduction**

Committee Description: The social service & housing committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, veterans and housing concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, New York City Housing Authority, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Disability Sub-Committee is under this committee.

Old Business

A. Mental Health & Disabilities Fair Update

- The flyer for the Mental Health & Disabilities fair was updated with panel information. The panel will be from 2-3 P.M. Rev. Sidney Hargrave will be part of the panel, along with someone from the Montefiore Psychiatry department, the Mayor's office, and Justin Westbrook-Lowery will be the moderator.
- There will be a raffle

B. Senior Symposium

- Rev. Sidney Hargrave says he will be picking up more flyers and will be going to senior centers to get them prepared.
- An email was sent to Health First and Rev. Hargrave spoke to the Vice President of Health First.
- United health needs to be contacted, Rosemary Jenkins says United Health will be participating at the Mental Health & Disabilities fair and they can be asked for the chairs.
- Rev. Hargrave says he needs to speak to William (DM) about getting food.
- There will be 3 honorees selected this year.
- For the keynote speaker Rev. Hargrave says he is hoping to get Councilman Diaz. Rosemary will reach out to his chief of staff.
- Flyers for the Symposium need to be at the Mental Health & Disabilities fair and Seniors Connected. Rev. Hargrave will also be speaking to seniors at senior connected for a couple of minutes.
- Rogier Van Vlissingen will participate at the senior symposium.
- Well Care will be asked for the DJ.
- Rev. Hargrave will ask the new commanding officer at 43rd to speak at the Symposium.

C. Plant Based Initiative Update (Upcoming activities within CB9 attached)

Rogier discussed testimonies of people who switched to plant based diets.

D. 4th Annual Disability Parade- Danny Porro spoke about the 4th annual parade this year and he would like more people to from the Bronx to come out and support/march. The parade will be July 15, 2018 from 10 AM to 3 PM. At Union Square up to Madison Square Park. Danny Porro called to see if he could get some flyers and spoke to MOPD. There will be people marching with banners, there will be tables and many agencies will be present. Danny also mentioned that a week in May is Bronx Week and he wants to see if CB9 can do something. He wants to participate and have a table, so people can register for the parade and promote the disability committee here at Community Board 9.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:28 P.M.

Minutes transcribed by CB9 staff.